

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete paragraph [0018] and replace it with the following:

[0018] In accordance with the purposes of the present invention as described herein, an improved mining apparatus is provided. The mining apparatus includes a miner, a ~~convey~~ conveyor unit and a steering unit connecting the miner to the conveyor unit. Additionally, the apparatus includes a positioning sensor, a controller responsive to the positioning sensor and first and second actuators.